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SUBJECT: EX-DEPUTY HARALAMBOPOULOS - CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

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1. SUMMARY. EX-DEPUTY IANNIS HARALAMBOPOULOS IS ILL, PERHAPS WITH SERIOUS ANEMIA, IN UNDISCLOSED ATHENS HOSPITAL. HIS SON, GEORGE, IS AT HOME IN ATHENS AND IS REPORTEDLY IN "DEPRESSED" MENTAL STATE. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WHICH HAS TRIED TO FOLLOW ILL FORTUNES OF HARALAMBOPOULOS FAMILY CLOSELY SINCE YOUNGER HARALAMBOPOULOS ARRESTED IN LATE DECEMBER WITH AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN, BRONWYN TRATHEN, THE SON, GEORGE, WAS RELEASED FROM DETAINMENT ABOUT MARCH 22 AND HAS BEEN RESIDING EVER SINCE AT FAMILY ADDRESS, 17A PRINCE PETER STREET, CLYFADA, ATHENS. HIS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION WHILE IN DETAINMENT AND SINCE NOT KNOWN TO AUSTRALIANS. HOWEVER, HIS STEPMOTHER TOLD THEM DURING SECOND TRIAL OF AUSTRALIAN GIRL THAT HER SON HAS BEEN "MANHANDLED" DURING CONFINEMENT.

3. AUSTRALIANS UNDERSTAND THAT EX-DEPUTY HARALAMBOPOULOS HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED TO YIAROS BUT REMAINS IN LOCAL HOSPITAL. FAMILY DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE IS AND THEIR REQUESTS TO VISIT

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HIM HAVE THUS FAR BEEN DENIED. HE MAY BE SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS

ANEMIA CONDITION.

4. IT IS COMMON RUMOR HERE THAT SON ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT LEAST ONCE, AND POSSIBLY THREE TIMES, DURING THREE MONTHS CONFINEMENT. PRESUMPTION IS THAT BAD TREATMENT WAS CAUSE OF DESPERATE INITIATIVES. FAMILY FRIEND TOLD EMBOFF HOWEVER, THAT YOUNG HARALAMBOPOULOS WAS SERIOUSLY DEPRESSED MENTALLY PRIOR TO ARREST AND THAT SUICIDE ATTEMPT (S), IF IN FACT MADE, COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO GENERAL DEPRESSION EXACERBATED BY CONFINEMENT. THIS PERSON DID NOT BELIEVE SON HAD BEEN PHYSICALLY TORTURED.

5. COMMENT: IRRESPECTIVE OF TREATMENT FATHER AND SON MAY HAVE RECEIVED DURING CONFINEMENTS, FAMILY IS CLEARLY PERSONA NON GRATA BOTH WITH PREVIOUS AND PRESENT REGIMES AND FATHER/SON TARGETED FOR HARASSMENT AND PERSECUTION.
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